

THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ROXBY-CUM-RISBY.

THE Report of the Medical Officer of Health FOR 1925.

Roxby district is purely Agricultural and is situated in North Lincolnshire, having an area of 4,908 acres, the ground sloping away in a North-Easterly direction gives a good fall to the drainage.

There has not been any alteration in the character of the district and no industrial works have been erected.

The general health for the year has been very good.

No new houses have been erected, and as regards the district itself there is no shortage. Being situated close to Scunthorpe there is naturally a demand for houses to take the overflow, but in Roxby there are sufficient houses to meet the needs of the district itself.

Population:—631, an increase of 11 over 1920.

Number of Houses	...	...	120	Number of Families	...	...
Rateable Value—Land	£3920	0	0	Sum represented by a		
Buildings	£6407	15	0	Penny Rate	...	£30 15 0
Total	£10327	15	0			

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Births:—7 Males; 5 Females. Rate per 1,000—19·01.

Deaths:—2 in number. Rate per 1,000—3·1.

Deaths due to Child-birth:—Nil.

Death of Infants under 1 year:—1. Rate per 1,000—1·5.

Deaths from Measles, all ages	...	...	...	Nil
„ „ Whooping Cough, all ages	...	...	...	Nil
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	Nil

POOR LAW RELIEF.

Three persons have been in receipt of relief.

Hospitals and other forms of Relief:—Patients are sent to the Hull Infirmary and Scunthorpe Cottage Hospital. No cause of Sickness, etc., specially noteworthy.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Hospitals provided or subsidized by County Council or Local Authorities:—

1. Tuberculosis:—Patients are sent by the County Council to various hospitals in the County.
2. Maternity:—Nil.
3. Children:—Nil.
4. Fever:—Nil.
5. Small Pox:—Nil.
6. Other:—Nil.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children in the Area:—Nil.

Ambulance Facilities:—

- (a) For Infectious Cases—Nil.
- (b) For Non-Infectious Cases—An Ambulance, run by the Red Cross Society and kept at Scunthorpe, is available.

Clinics, etc.:—

- 1. For Children are available in Scunthorpe.
 - 2. Venereal Diseases „ „ „
 - 3. Tubercular „ „ „
- All provided by the County Council.

Public Health Officers, etc.:—

One Medical Officer of Health, employed part time, part salary payable by grant.
One Sanitary Inspector; also acts as Road Surveyor.

Professional Nursing in the Home:—

- (a) General—A District Nurse belonging to the Roxby & Winterton Nursing Association.
- (b) For Infectious Cases—Nil.

Midwives:—The District Nurse also acts as a Midwife in Roxby only.

Chemical Work:—Nil.

Adoptive Acts:—Nil.

Bye-laws as to Nuisances, Common Lodging Houses, Drainage of existing buildings and slaughter houses, made and sealed April 17th, 1914, and allowed by L.G.B., July 14th, 1914.

Bye-laws as to cleansing of footways and pavements, the removal of house refuse, and the cleansing of earth closets, privies, ash pits and cesspools, made and sealed July 17th, 1914, and allowed by the L.G.B., September 3rd, 1914.

Bye-laws as to new streets and buildings, made and sealed July 17th, 1914, and allowed by the L.G.B., September 3rd, 1914.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water:—Roxby, Risby, and Dragonby are supplied with water obtained from the Scunthorpe supply. The water is of good quality and ample in quantity.

Rivers and Streams:—Nil.

Drainage and Sewerage:—Good and sufficient.

Closet Accommodation:—

Number of Houses with privy vaults	...	...	...	...	46
„ „ „ „ pail closets	...	...	...	...	70
„ „ „ „ water closets	...	...	...	...	4

Scavenging is satisfactorily carried out; the night-soil being placed on the land.

Sanitary Inspection:—

Number of Inspections made	...	...	...	...	120
„ „ Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	6
„ „ Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	6

In each case the Defects were remedied.

Smoke Nuisance:—Nil.

Premises and Occupations controlled by Bye-laws and Regulations:—Nil.

Schools:—

Roxby School is in a satisfactory condition and kept in good sanitary repair.

Dragonby School.—The playground is in a very bad state—loose sand, which is carried by the wind and feet of the children in the lavatories, frequently blocking up the drains. I have made complaints about the sand in previous reports.

Housing :—

1. General Housing Conditions.—Practically all the houses are in good order. There are one or two that are not as good as they should be but they are still quite habitable.
2. Extent of Shortage.—The number of houses meet the requirements of the district.
3. Overcrowding.—There have been cases of overcrowding due to relations living in the house of occupier, but these have been remedied.
4. Unhealthy Areas.—Nil.
5. Bye-laws relating to houses, to houses let in lodgings, and to tents, vans, sheds.—No revision required.
6. General and Miscellaneous.—No action has been taken bearing on the public health not covered by above particulars.

Housing Statistics for Year 1925:—

Number of houses erected during the year—

- (a) Total—Nil.
- (b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts—
 1. By Local Authority.—Nil.
 2. By other bodies or persons.—Nil.

1. Unfit Dwellinghouses :—

1. Inspection. Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	120
2. Total number of dwellinghouses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	120
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	Nil

2. Remedy of Defects without service of formal notices :

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority and their officers	6
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3. Action under Statutory Powers :—

(a) Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 —	
1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
2. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
3. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declaration by owners of intention to close	Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts—	
1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
2. Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice—	
(a) By Owner	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
3. Proceedings under Section 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925	Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) **Milk Supply** :—The wholesomeness of the Milk produced in the district is undoubted.

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| 1. Action taken as to Tuberculous Milk and Cattle | ... | ... | No actions taken |
| 2. Number of Licences granted for the Sale of Milk | ... | ... | 1 |
| 3. Refusal or revocation of registration of retailers or of licences of graded milk | ... | ... | Nil |
| 4. The summarised results of the bacteriological examination of samples of graded and other milk | ... | ... | ...No examination made |

(b) **Meat** :—There are no slaughterhouses, public or private.

(c) **Other Foods** :—There are no bakehouses or other premises used for preparation or storage of food.

(d) There have not been any cases of Food poisoning.

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious Diseases :—

There were two cases of Scarlet Fever for the district—contracted outside.

Pathological and bacteriological specimens are sent to Lincoln for examination by the Lindsey County Council.

The Sheck o Dick tests have not been used.

Number of Vaccination under Public Health (Smallpox Prevention) Regulations, 1917—

(a) Primary.

(b) Re-vaccinations.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1925—

Scarlet Fever—2. Treated at home. No deaths.

Other Diseases—Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 :—No action taken as regards Milk.

Public Health Act, 1925—Section 62 :—No action taken.

Tuberculosis Schemes :—There is a Clinic for Tubercular patients in Scunthorpe, managed by the County Authorities.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

A Clinic in Scunthorpe is provided by the County for diagnosis and treatment.

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